

## OUR SERVICE FLAG



### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Call 449 if you fail to get the Kentuckian promptly. And if you have a news item, phone it to the same number.

The British official report says 28 German airplanes were brought down in air battles this week.

The Dutch evidently still adhere to the idea that the Dutch should take Holland.

One of the final acts of the House was to kill the bill to legalize boxing by a vote of 43 to 42.

The Rives registration bill was defeated in the closing hours of the General Assembly.

German attacks on the West front Wednesday were successfully repulsed by the French and Portuguese troops.

Evansville has supplemented the four-minute men speakers with an organization of fourteen-minute women talkers.

Gen. Pershing says the plan to record the votes of soldiers in foreign fields in their local elections at home is impracticable.

German fliers are now fighting the Americans with mustard gas, thus furnishing the Sammies with materials to plaster their backs with when the retreat to Berlin gets under way.

A shell fell close to Secretary Baker while he was visiting the front trenches one day this week. He and his escort were showered with flying debris, but they were not injured.

The British admiralty reports the loss by mine or submarine of seventeen British merchantmen last week. Of these eleven were 1,600 tons or over, and six under that tonnage. Two fishing vessels were lost. Eleven merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked.

The value of the enemy owned property which the government has seized, and which will be sold when the bill just passed the Senate shall have been put through the House, is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000,000. The amount derived from the sale will be credited to the German Government, but will be subject to claims for indemnities and damages which the United States will file against Germany at the conclusion of the war. The threat of Germany to confiscate American property will affect only a few millions of dollars in comparison.

## TWO OFFICES NOT ABOLISHED

DUFFY AND POGUE ARE NOT LEGISLATED OUT WITH THE REST.

With the night session extending far into the night, the General Assembly closed its session Wednesday night with less confusion than has characterized the closing night of previous sessions, but with hilarity sufficient to gladden the hearts of the members and a crowded gallery. The members felicitated each other and apologies were made by those who felt they had offended in the heat of debate and accepted by those who had been the target of the verbal assaults during the session.

No business was before the House for the night session, except to mark time waiting for the Senate to pass on House bills still pending to see if any amendments were attached thereto to be concurred in or rejected by the House. The four amendments to the Legislative Redistricting Bill were reported to the House by Senator Brock, who requested that the first, third and fourth amendments be concurred in and the second one rejected, and this request was acceded to by a unanimous vote of the House. The second amendment placed three counties in one district, which is contrary to the section of the Constitution which provides that not more than two counties shall compose a district.

Two men got by the recommendation of the Probo Committee in the closing hours of the session, one being Marion F. Pogue, Inspector of

# DECISIVE BATTLE IS ON IN FRANCE

## SCHOOLS ARE LOOKED AFTER

Legislature Heeds Demands and Recommendations Of Educational Association.

## SALARIES ARE AFFECTED

K. E. A. Committee Spends Week In Frankfort-- Supt. Foster A Member.

The legislative committee of the K. E. A. appointed last April during the Kentucky Educational Association meeting in Louisville spent the whole of last week in Frankfort promoting the school legislation which had been outlined as exceedingly important and very urgent at this time in order to meet the extreme necessities existing in our schools.

Supt. L. E. Foster is a member of the committee and spent last week in the state capital and did yeoman service in having these laws passed. He has prepared a summary of these laws bearing upon the public schools and this summary is as follows: Summary of Important School Laws Just Enacted.

No. 1. Salary of teachers. The Kentucky Legislature has just passed a law fixing the minimum salary for teachers in second class schools at \$50.00. In order to meet this increase in salary, the length of the school term will likely be affected and the law further provided that unless the state funds are sufficient to meet those salaries, that the length of the school term shall be reduced to six months, but that whenever the State funds are adequate, the school term may be extended to seven months and then to eight.

This same bill rearranged pay day for teachers. It fixes the second Saturday in September as the first pay day instead of the second Saturday in October, provided for in the old law. It further provides that on or before the first of each month, before pay day, the State Treasurer shall issue checks for teachers' salaries in the various co. and in case the funds are not available, he shall issue to the County Superintendents interest bearing warrants; thereby making it possible for the teachers to be paid promptly on each pay day.

No. 2. School census. The age of school children has been changed from 6 to 20 to 6 to 18. The law provides, however, that any one who is in school, either common or high school when they reach 18 may continue until they have completed the full course of study.

This new law will reduce slightly the number of pupils in each district, but will also produce a larger per attendance based on the census for the County and State.

No. 3. A law making 30 cents on the \$100 worth of property the maximum for school purposes instead of 20 cents, which was the maximum under the old law, was passed.

No. 4. A law providing for the acceptance and also compliance with Hughes Federal Aid Law, providing for vocational agriculture in schools was passed. This Federal Aid will bring to Kentucky about \$36,000 the first year and this amount will be increased annually after the first year.

No. 5. A bill was passed making the teaching of agriculture compulsory in the common schools.

Schools, and John C. Duffy, Special Assistant Attorney General. The House amended the Senate bill with reference to abolishing the office held by Pogue and when the Senate refused to concur in the amendment and the House refused to recede therefore a conference committee was appointed composed of Senators Antle, Frost and Richardson and Republicans Hardin, Laughlin and Bowman.

The committee reported to the Senate that the amendment should be concurred in order to keep the position out of politics. The Senate followed the advice of committee and so reported to the House. The resolution recommending the abolishment of the office held by Duffy was lodged with the Rules Committee of the House several days ago and there it was allowed to die. It was the opinion of a majority of the committee that the office at any time under the section of the statute creating it and that the Legislature should take no action on the resolution.

## FORTUNE IN GOLD FOUND IN SAND PILE

In the Cellar of the Late Thomas Wood, Who Died Near Julien.

## SEARCH MADE BY HEIRS

Was Rewarded By the Rich Find Yesterday Afternoon.

The heirs of the late Thomas Wood, who died near Julien a month ago, met by agreement yesterday at his late home to search for an unknown amount of money the dead man was supposed to have concealed somewhere about his premises. They were richly rewarded for buried in a pile of sand in one corner of the cellar under his house was found \$3,620 in gold. The money was on top of the stone floor of the cellar, but was concealed by the sand and a lot of rubbish thrown upon it. It had originally been in sacks, parts of which were found, but the coins were loose in the sand and a careful search was required to find them all. The dates on the coins, mostly \$20 pieces, ran back to 1890 and on up to about 1908.

Those taking part in the search were G. H. Stowe, A. M. Henry, W. H. Hammond, Alex. Fort, Frank Stowe and several others from Trigg county.

This was the second find of money in the deceased man's effects. Soon after he died there was found hidden in the leaves of an old book in a closet currency to the value of \$2,078, all in old bills, some thirty years old. This money it is supposed had been hidden by Mr. Wood's father. The father and son had lived a long time together before the father died a good many years ago.

The two cash discoveries amount to \$5,698 and the property left make the estate worth \$15,000.

Mr. Wood was unmarried and was a very eccentric man who lived alone. He left no will and his property will descend by law to eight heirs of the same degree of kinship, or to the heirs of those who are dead. These heirs are:

Mrs. Caroline Hargis, Grand Prairie, Tex.  
Heirs of Bart Wood, Trigg county.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ellison, heir of Wm. Wood, of Los Angeles, Calif.  
Mrs. Saint Levee, Trenton, Ky.  
Mrs. W. T. Wood's heirs.  
Jeff Hammond's heirs.  
West Hammond's heirs.  
Mrs. Alex. Fort, of Trigg county.

## SENATE VOTES NO USELESS COAL HAULING

Over The Expressed Wishes of The President and Hoover.

## FARMERS GET NET PRICE.

The House May Not Accept The Increase And Veto Is predicted.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, March 21.—The price of wheat to farmers was fixed at \$2.50 a bushel this afternoon through an amendment to the appropriation bill passed by the Senate.

The total appropriation carried in the bill was over \$28,000,000. The adoption of the wheat price-fixing section was forced through the Senate over the opposition of the President and the Food Administrator Hoover. If the House should agree to the section it may mean that the President may veto the bill and send it back to Congress for further consideration. The President by executive order has already fixed the wheat price at \$2.20 a bushel in Chicago for the 1918 crop. The Senate price would guarantee to the farmer at his local market \$2.50. Debate on the bill brought out strong the effort to please and help the farmers by guaranteeing them a price that would make wheat raising worth while.

## LIVE STOCK SOLD WELL

Big Crowd On Hand and Rhea Sale Marked By Rapid Fire Bidding.

One of the biggest live stock sales held in this county for a long time was held yesterday on the farm of Ira C. Rhea 5 and half miles out on the Bradshaw Pike. A big crowd was in attendance and nearly every one present was there as a bidder on some one or more kinds of stock offered.

In the sale were 84 head of fine cattle, 25 mules, 3 brood sows and 10 pigs, 25 shoats, 31 head of sheep and several lambs, and a nice lot of hay. Everything went at satisfactory prices and the bidding was, in many instances, of the rapid-fire quality.

## NO USELESS COAL HAULING

Long Hauls Will Be Eliminated By Establishing Zones.

## DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM

Goes Into Effect April First-- Announced By McAdoo and Garfield.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, March 21.—Zoning districts, for the better distribution and increased production of bituminous coal during the year beginning on April 1 were announced today jointly by Fuel Administrator Garfield and R. R. Director Gen. McAdoo. More than a score of separate zones are laid out. They plan to deliver coal to the nearest consuming points. This will eliminate useless hauling of thousands of miles which competition heretofore existing among coal producers made necessary.

## HE'S COMING MARCH 30

"PRIVATE PEAT," CANADIAN WAR HERO WILL SURE BE HERE SATURDAY, MAR. 30.

If you haven't read "Private Peat" yet, you had better do so, for he is coming here to lecture on March 30, under the auspices of the Red Cross. His talk will be entirely different from his book, for his talk will deal with the general aspects of the war rather than his own part in it. He will tell you what to send that boy of yours in France and what not to send him; he will tell you how tobacco as it is smoked in the trenches will not make him a cigarette fiend; he will even tell you that the swearing he will do will not keep him out of heaven. "Why, at times," says Peat "even the sky pilots swear. And if ever men are sure of heaven, it is these same self-sacrificing men of the church who are human enough to swear and to help in war and umpire baseball on Sunday. They have learned 'religion is bigger than convention.'"

Senator Frank Rives and Mrs. Rives returned from Frankfort last night.

## TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT ON THE BRITISH FRONT OPENS THE CRASH

London, March 21.—Armageddon as the scene of the supreme clash between the Teutons and British. The battle is spreading northward as far as the coast on the French front. Verdun, Rheims and Champagne are also storm centers. Today's developments indicate the attack beginning is the most gigantic drive yet made. Reports indicate that the Germans did not fully gain objectives anywhere. "Will they break through?" Is the only question. Austrian troops are participating in drive and Germans for first time are reported using tanks.

## MARKET IS STILL STRONG

SALES GO OVER TEN MILLION POUNDS FOR THE SEASON.

Deliveries of tobacco the past week fell off considerably from the two or three weeks preceding. This falling off is due to the fact that the dry windy weather caused the weed to dry out and stopped the handling of same. Also the farmers have taken advantage of the fine farming weather and are preparing for another crop of everything that can be grown on a farm. Never were the "soldiers of the soil" so busy as now. The hard winter which prevented work and the patriotic heeding of the nation's appeal for bigger crops are arousing them to almost heroic efforts.

The average price for tobacco sold on the loose floors the past week is a little in advance of the previous week, the highest price paid for any one crop being \$21.00. The better grades are much in demand and the bidding on these is spirited.

Below is the summary of the Inspector's report:

Week ending March 14, 1918.

LOOSE FLOORS.  
Sales for week ..... 757,145 lbs  
Sales for season ..... 10,326,799 lbs  
Sales this date, 1917 11,397,706 lbs  
Average for this week ..... \$14.32  
Average for this season ..... \$14.04

QUOTATIONS.  
Trash ..... \$10.50 to \$12  
Common lugs ..... \$12 to \$13  
Medium lugs ..... \$13 to \$13.50  
Good lugs ..... \$13.50 to \$14  
Fine lugs ..... \$14 to \$14.50  
Low leaf ..... \$13.50 to \$14  
Common leaf ..... \$14 to \$14.50  
Medium leaf ..... \$14.50 to \$15.50  
Good leaf ..... \$16 to \$18  
Fine leaf ..... \$18 to \$20.50  
L. B. CORNETTE,  
President Tobacco Board of Trade.

## BILLION DOLLARS

ADDED TO WAR BUDGET BRINGS TOTAL TO OVER EIGHT BILLION NEEDED.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, March 21.—The tidy sum of \$1,000,000,000 was added to the war budget today when President Wilson signed the \$500,000,000 railroad control bill and the House passed the \$500,000,000 war finance corporation measure. The extra billion brings the total of money needed before June 30 up to \$8,655,000,000. This sum including \$3,155,000,000 that will be required for the redemption of the treasury certificates.

## UNLUCKY DASH MADE

FOUR GERMAN BOATS SENT TO BOTTOM IN AN ATTEMPT TO ATTACK DUNKIRK.

London, March 21.—In a sea battle off Dunkirk early yesterday morning, participated in by five British and French destroyers with a squadron of enemy destroyers and torpedo boats, four enemy ships were sunk, two destroyers and two torpedo boats. One British destroyer was hit but British casualties were slight, and none were sustained by the French. The German ships were attempting to bombard Dunkirk when brought to grief.

## OFFICIAL RETURNS

(By International News Service.)  
Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—Official returns from all counties in the State give Lenroot, republican, 67,734. Thompson, republican, 65,799. Davies, democrat 51,793. McCarthy, democrat 12,420. Berger, socialist 36,339.

## NON-SINKABLE

(By International News Service.)  
Washington, March 21.—That ten 15,000 ton non-sinkable steel freighters, the largest cargo of vessels in the American ship building program, are to be continued by the U. S. Shipping Board was announced tonight.

## STILL KICKING

(By International News Service.)  
Washington, March 21.—It is understood the Dutch Government will make a new protest against the seizure of her ships. Up to a late hour the communication had not reached Washington.

MRS. BARNES' DINNER.

Mrs. E. P. Barnes gave a dinner at the Pennington Wednesday evening in honor of State Deputy J. W. DeHart, of Louisville, and Head Auditor Henry F. Turner, of Wickliffe, who were here in the interest of the Modern Woodmen.

Walker-Boyd.

Last night at 8 o'clock Mr. Blaine Walker and Miss Della Boyd, a young couple from the vicinity of Kelly, were married by Dr. C. M. Thompson, at the parsonage of the First Baptist church.

## TRENCH MORTARS CAPTURED FROM THE TEUTONS ON WEST FRONT



The British troops have taken many German guns, ammunition and other implements of modern warfare in recent conflicts in the Cambrai sector. The photograph shows trench mortars captured from the Teutons.